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It occurs to us re Shatt that Iranians are trying take advantage critical internal situation Iraq and impose flag requirement and insist upon right utilize Khosroabad. This we believe arises from Iranian desire equal voice in Shatt and Iraqi reluctance discuss problem which has led to Iranians feeling frustration and being pushed to wall.

We are inclined to believe that no major contradiction or split in Iranian Government on these developments exists. We think that steps re Shatt have been taken with knowledge of government and probably with concurrence Shah.

Iranian Government and PANAM point out whether or not there are technical reasons behind validity Iraqi insistence that Khosroabad cannot be used they believe that Iraqi objections are contrived. They have countered by maintaining willingness take necessary measures remedy technical reasons in order to eliminate technical objections and satisfy Iraqis.

We think Department's suggested approach is well designed but believe we should express understanding of Iranian concern over general situation in Shatt including denial of access to Khosroabad; in other words widen approach rather than tie it to Khosroabad alone. At same time we believe our approach to Iranians will be much more effective if we are able to say we are approaching Iraqis in Baghdad simultaneously. In absence of simultaneous action it will be difficult for Iranians rescind orders without loss prestige unless they are able

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able point to commencement Iran-Iraqi talks on subject and perhaps allow order to lapse.

We have discussed foregoing with British and they are in general agreement.

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